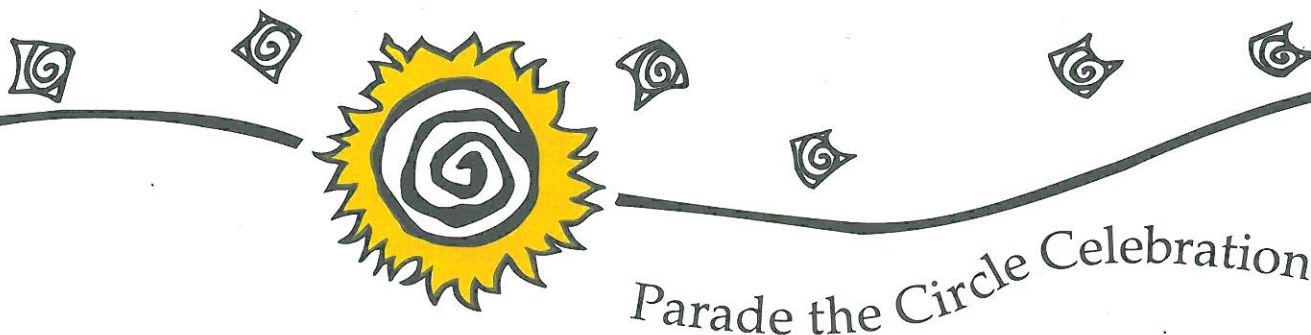




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**PARADE THE CIRCLE CELEBRATION IS SET FOR JUNE 14
with a Festive Parade and Hands-On Family Activities**

(Cleveland, OH)--Echoes of Imagination is the theme of the 8th annual Parade the Circle Celebration to be held at Wade Oval in Cleveland's University Circle, Saturday, June 14. "This is the only event of its kind in America," according to Robin VanLear, artistic director for the parade and coordinator of community arts for the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Parade the Circle includes a full day of free activities for the family from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. From noon to 1 p.m. a colorful, carnival-style parade features one-of-a-kind performance ensembles, innovative people-powered floats, and other costumed participants, some on stilts and others operating giant aerial puppets. Over 1,500 participants are expected, including five professional parade artisits from Trinidad, the Iroko Drum and Dance Society, area schools, community groups and individuals.

Afternoon events entail live music and dance performances on two stages, as well as hands-on activities at over 25 stations, including clay creations, pinwheel making, blindfolded golf, stained glass, musical instruments and many more. According to Whitney F. Bohan, Director of Public Relations for University Circle Inc., more than 30 of University Circle's prominent cultural, medical, health and human services, and educational institutions come together to present this spectacular event.

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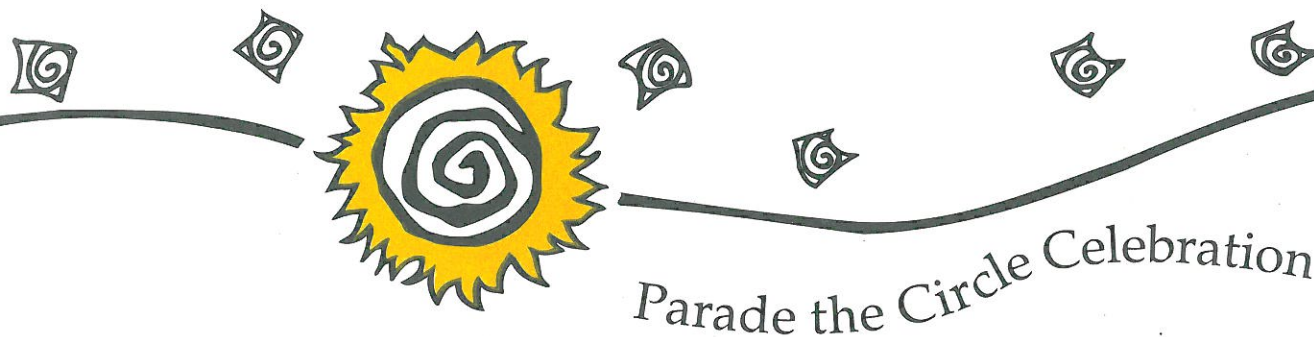
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The underground parking garage behind Severence Hall (enter from East Boulevard) offers ample parking within walking distance of the festivities (\$6 parking fee). Additional lots offering free parking are located throughout the Circle. Wade Oval Drive will be closed to traffic until the parade is completed -- approximately 1:30 p.m.

Parade the Circle Celebration is presented by The Cleveland Museum of Art and University Circle Inc. The major sponsor is Metropolitan Savings Bank and generous support is provided by the The George Gund Foundation, Ohio Arts Council, and the Cleveland Coca-Cola Bottling Company Inc. Last year approximately 25,000 attended the event. The public is welcome to help create costumes, floats and other parade materials through a series of workshops at various schools and community centers throughout Northeast Ohio.

For information regarding participation in the parade and workshops, call The Cleveland Museum of Art, 216.421.7340, ext. 483. For general PARADE THE CIRCLE CELEBRATION information, call University Circle Incorporated, 216.791.3900.



Activities Parade the Circle Celebration Saturday, June 14th

Hands-On Activities (11:30a.m.-4p.m.) Organizations

Celebrate! Juneteenth Celebrate!

Fun Glasses

Gifts from the Garden

Imagine...Me!

Alternatively Speaking: Make Your Own

Personalized Communication Board

Musical Echoes and Colorful Sounds

Clay Creations

Dinosaurs Galore!

Musical Instrument Discovery

Helps Solve the Puzzle

Terrific Times in Toad Hall

Blindfolded Golf

Toddler Activity Center

Healthy Fruit Puppets/Body Building

Put a Good Spin on Aging/Pinwheels

The 85th Birthday Bash

Parade Tattoo

Stained Glass Windows

Mt. Sinai Medical Make-Believe

Echos in the Night

Match Your Shoe to Your Sport

Rainbow Ribbon Twirlers

Ronald McDonald House's Festive Faces

Shaker Shadows

Decorate the Hospital Wrist Band

Flights of Imagination

African American Museum

Cleveland Area Very Special Arts

Cleveland Botanical Garden

Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art

Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center

The Cleveland Institute of Art and The

Cleveland Institute of Music

The Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History

The Cleveland Music School Settlement and

The Cleveland Orchestra

Cleveland Office for the U.S. Committee for

UNICEF

The Cleveland Play House

Cleveland Sight Center

Early Childhood Options of University Circle

The Health Museum of Cleveland

Judson Retirement Community

The Junior League of Cleveland, Inc.

Metropolitan Savings Bank

Lake View Cemetery

Mt. Sinai Medical Center

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine,

Cleveland Foot and Ankle Clinic

Rainbow Children's Museum & TRW Early

Learning Center

Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, Inc.

Shaker Historical Society

University Hospitals of Cleveland Auxiliary

Committee and Rainbow Babies and

Childrens Hospital

Western Reserve Historical Society

The Cleveland Museum of Art

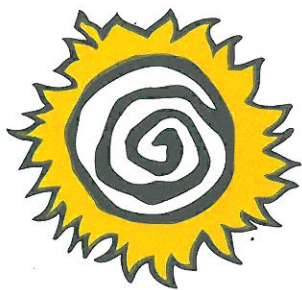
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Parade the Circle Celebration

Parade the Circle Celebration Dance and Music Entertainment Saturday, June 14th

Stage 1

11:00 - 12:00	Hotfoot Quartet (folk)
1:15 - 2:00	Night Owls ('20s tunes)
2:15 - 3:00	Gene's Jazz Cats, featuring Mar'shal Baxter Beckley
3:15 - 4:00	Jim Schafer and Friends (folk)

Stage 2 (Sponsored in part by Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland)

11:00 - 12:00	The Yard, Cleveland School of the Arts
1:15 - 2:15	Dance/Theatre Collective
2:15 - 3:15	The Repertory Project
3:00 - 4:00	Dance Image

On the Grass

1:00 - 2:00	Mellow Harps
2:00 - 3:00	Iroko Drum and Dance Society

Ongoing Tented Entertainment

Cleveland Poetry Cooperative
Puppetry Guild of Northeastern Ohio
Western Reserve Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of
Storytelling